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**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

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Dipl.-Ing Harald Michael LUTSCH, et al.

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For: MALE CONNECTOR WITH RETAINING ELEMENT

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

**MAIL STOP NON-FEE AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 17, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows on the accompanying pages.

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